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Small-town librarian Charity Prewitt never dreamed she'd meet and fall in love with a man like Nicholas Ames. The handsome, rich, charming, sexy-as-hell millionaire blew into tiny Parker's Ridge, Vermont, and immediately rocked her world. Powerful, sensual, the perfect man, Nick knows all the right words—and all the right spots to touch, sending her soaring to dizzying new heights of ecstatic abandon. Never before has prim and proper Charity leapt into bed with a perfect stranger—and now that she's there with him, nothing is going to drag her away!

But Nick Ames is not who he claims to be. In truth, he is Nicholas Ireland—the one they call "Iceman." A former Delta Force operator, now a high-level undercover agent, he will do whatever his government asks of him—lie, seduce, betray . . . even kill, if necessary—for the sake of the mission. And this time his mission is Charity Prewitt.

Suddenly one woman has broken down his chilly restraint and ignited his passions completely. And before the erotic dream turns into a nightmare, will Charity be able to melt the Iceman's cold, cold heart?

## **Dangerous Secrets Details**

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# From Reader Review Dangerous Secrets for online ebook

## Christa says

Dangerous Secrets is one of the best romantic suspense books that I have read in quite awhile. That is saying alot, as I have been fortunate enough to read numerous really good ones lately. This book included everything I could have wanted in this type of novel - wonderful characters, an engrossing and suspenseful storyline, and an intense passion that turned into an enchanting romance. I was almost immediately captivated with this story, and was kept enthralled throughout the book. I loved the way that the protective, supremely disciplined hero, Nick Ireland "Iceman," immediately loses all control physically and emotionally when he becomes involved with the heroine, Charity Prewitt. Watching the relationship develop between these two was a delight, and their romance was very touching. When Nick's job caused him to subject Charity to immense grief, the heroine's devastation was heartrending. I loved this book, and would highly recommend it to lovers of romantic suspense.

Special Agent Nick Ireland is in a small Vermont town posing as retired stock broker, Nick Ames, while investigating powerful Russian mafia figure, Vassily Worontzoff. Nick's investigation requires that he become acquainted with Vassily's best friend, Charity Prewitt, in order to gain information and entry into Vassily's home. Nick is prepared to become intimate with Charity in the name of duty, but after spending an evening with her, he loses his much lauded control during a steamily passionate encounter. Spending the weekend together, Nick and Charity fall quickly and profoundly for one another. Nick jeopardizes his career when he takes drastic measures to ensure Charity's protection. After acting in a manner that is completely foreign to him, "Iceman" follows his mission as circumstances dictate, even though his actions will visit anguish upon Charity. However, with his part of the mission finished, Nick is unable to convince himself to follow orders and depart the area, leaving Charity vulnerable to danger. Nick risks everything in order to protect this woman he loves.

This was a great book. Nick was an intensely appealing hero, while Charity was a sweet, refined heroine. I enjoyed the developing relationship and interaction between the two. This book was very subdued to be considered erotica, but it had plenty of heat and ardor between the hero and heroine. The romance, while poignant at times, was extremely satisfying. This is a book that I will want to read again.

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## Miss Kim says

Nick is undercover in a small town in Vermont. He is trying to bring down a Russian mob leader. Part of this plan includes getting close to Charity, a good friend to the bad guy. The bad guy is delusional and also thinks that Charity is his reincarnated dead wife. She of course has no idea that the bad guy is a bad guy at all. Charity is a librarian in town, and leads a very quiet life. She has no family aside from her elderly aunt and uncle, whom she looks after. Nick ends up bedding Charity—rather quickly I might add. He doesn't anticipate falling for her.

I did like both characters in Dangerous Secrets. I did like the story line. However, I did think this book

similar in to the previous, *Dangerous Lover*. Both heroines have little family, work with books, and are extremely petite. He smaller stature is mentioned more than once. Both heroes are former military and are withholding secrets from them. It has been a few months since I have read that, so I couldn't remember what connection that book has to this one or if any of the characters crossed over.

I am still leaning to towards the idea that Lisa Marie Rice is a man. She seems to write from the man's POV, even when it is the heroine's part of the story. I didn't find the sex all that exciting. Nick is pretty consistent with the wam-bam approach. On two occasions she is standing there doing something and he comes up to her and rips her pants and underwear off and impales her on his unit without her seeing it coming. I just don't find this exciting at all. It's kind of creepy. Charity didn't seemed to mind, however, so who am I to judge what she likes?

Overall I did like the story, aside from being ripped from a scene with Nick and Charity and being thrown into the Bad Guy's thoughts. Stop that, LMR!

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## **Jane Stewart says**

4.5 stars. Hot lustful sex scenes, no kinkiness, a fluffy read. Undercover agent protects delicate heroine from someone evil.

### **STORY BRIEF:**

Vassily is a famous Russian novelist who spent years in a Soviet prison camp. He is now wealthy and recently moved to a small town in Vermont. Vassily becomes good friends with Charity the local librarian. She moved to this town to care for her elderly aunt and uncle. Nick is an undercover agent for Homeland Security. He suspects Vassily is involved in terrorist activities. Nick befriends Charity to learn more about Vassily. He and Charity immediately fall in love/lust with each other. Charity doesn't know Nick is undercover and thinks he is a businessman looking for investment opportunities.

### **REVIEWER'S OPINION:**

The characters and plot were so similar to *Midnight Man* that I could almost just copy that review for this one. If you enjoyed *Midnight Man* you should enjoy this. It's more of the same, but there are some differences. I liked them both. The alpha hero cherishes and worships his lovely and delicate lady Charity. Whenever he's around her he is so turned on he needs to be hosed down. Don't expect a lot of new and different ideas. This is a good formula for the author, and it works for me. It's fun to read – an enjoyable escape. I especially enjoyed the back story about Nick and his relationship with his friend Jacob. I talk more about the author's writing style in my review of *Midnight Man*.

### **DATA:**

Story length: 344 pages. Swearing language: strong. Sexual language: strong/erotic. Number of sex scenes: 12. Total number of sex scene pages: 43. Setting: primarily Parker's Ridge, Vermont with some activities in Russia, ocean travel and Canada. Copyright: 2008. Genre: erotic romantic suspense.

### **OTHER BOOKS:**

For a list of my reviews of other Lisa Marie Rice books, see my 4.5 star review of "*Midnight Man*" posted 3/17/09.

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## Kathrynn says

Finally, a new book by Lisa Marie Rice and another for my "favorites" bookshelf. This author knows how to weave a good story with fantastic characters, toss in some good suspense and mix in some steamy scenes. I don't believe this qualifies as an erotic read, but more sensuous in nature. The intimacy was hot mainly in the feelings of the characters not in the graphic details. It was well done.

This author has a nice style of writing. She does more than pluck down a few words. For instance, when describing a cold room that once had a blur of activity she wrote "... empty chairs were like ghosts in the room." Nice! Or, "Undercover work is like proctology. You poke and prod around assholes, looking for something bad, and then you zap the bad things you find."

I think what I enjoy most about this author's books are her characters. They are likable, non arguing characters. The main male is, usually, Mr. Single and meets Miss Kindhearted that becomes his breath of fresh air. I like that! This one left me with a smile.

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## Ingie says

### 3.9 Stars - sweet, funny and a very good reading as always with a L.M Rice novel

Lisa Marie Rice's contemporary romances with a touch of suspense always makes me happy and they suits me perfectly as reading between other more demanding stories. I know what I get - just what I want!

**This is the second book in the *Dangerous series*** of three stand alone novels with new lovebirds in each book.

I liked/loved both the first (*Dangerous Lover*) and third (*Dangerous Passion*) book.

# In a LMR novel is it usually **cold and winter**, it snows and it all takes place the weeks around Christmas.

# **The hero** is always a big, strong, confident but maybe a bit mysterious man. He is usually a very *cave man* like alpha and is able to "pump on" (in bed or where you want him...) just how long and often as you (and he) wish. They are of course also quite dominant and fills the soul with the task to take care of and secure their woman's well-being - a "Mine" male.

# **The heroine** is of course a beautiful woman but she is also interested in culture, she is well educated, intelligent and often from a fine old family. They, the heroines, are usually also quite lonely and without a big caring family, but they are always very polite, beautiful, neatly dressed and well-behaved women just around 30. Female sweet women who fall head over heels for these alpha males.

~ And in *Dangerous Secrets* is everything the good old same ~ which makes me feel "safe" and happy!

**It is November, the snow falls** and a goodlooking, well-dressed man shows up at the city library. **Charity Prewitt**, the head librarian in tiny *Parker's Ridge* (Vermont) can not but like this nice and flirting stranger. He calls himself Nick, or Nicholas Ames, and is a former stock broker from NY on a business visit in town. But this charming man is in fact **Nicholas Ireland (aka Iceman)** a former Delta Force operator, now a high-level undercover agent.

Nick is on a secret missions to spy on a former *Gulag* prisoner, the very famous poet and writer, **Vassily Worontzoff** from the old *Soviet Union*. A man who also is a very dangerous and powerful mafia leader who recently settled in this town and has a very special interest in the beautiful Charity.

The Russian's connection and friendship with the lovely librarian has made Charity a key part of the investigation to spy on. **Nick's undercover mission** is to get to know her to possibly get some information about Worontzoff and therefore he must make a quite unethical "*Mata Hari*".

The love carousel starts rolling...

**Perhaps this particular hero, Nick**, is a bit weaker and it was also slightly more difficult for me to really love and admire him compared to some other of the author's heroes. His spy purposes when he seduced Charity can of course be questioned. The other part of the story, the suspense and the criminal matter, was really good and well thought out. I started nervously biting my nails and at the end of the book, I was a nervous wreck.

**Nick and Charity's love and desire** for each other was of course, as in most romance books, lightning-fast growing, grand, tender and wonderful to follow.

“(...) But when this is over I'm taking you to bed and I'm going to fuck you brathless.”

“Okay,” she whispered, wathing his eyes.

As if it pained him, he let go of her neck, one finger at a time, and stepped back. It was like a force field suddenly switching off, or the planet's gravity disappearing. She stumbled, in free fall.’

**As always, I get a** lovable heroine, a bit crime drama, scary and nasty enemies, much steam and heat in the bedroom, an overprotective and very h@rny *cave man* and a very amusing, sexy and entertaining story. I think this was my eighth book by Lisa Marie Rice and I know there will be more.

**I LIKE - a good one...**

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## **Mojca says**

The prologue hooked me immediately. Promising one heck of a story, and indeed it was a great improvement from the first book in this series.

Especially in the heroine-personality department. Although, Charity struck me as too naive - she lived in a freaking fairy-tale world where everybody was good and the Russian millionaire that suddenly appeared in her home town with obvious issues (feverish eyes, getting her name wrong etc.) and surrounded by an army

of thugs was of course simply a great writer...And it was completely normal for her to fall for a charming young guy in a heartbeat and marry him after a week. Sheesh! I kept wondering when those rose-tinted glasses would get knocked off her perfect little nose. Well, it happened a tad too late if you ask me, making her sudden change of heart and perspective a bit too unbelievable.

I loved the hero, though, better than his predecessor. Nick Ireland. Hot, sexy, incredibly skilled in everything he put his mind to, protective to the bone, willing to do anything it takes to keep his woman safe...Sure, there were times I wanted to smack him on the back of his head, but his patience with the naive heroine made me forget all his subtle little flaws.

The suspense was much greater in this installment of the *Dangerous* series, the peril and danger constantly in the peripheral vision, keeping us guessing as to what the writer/mobster was up to - besides being completely nuts.

And there was a little humor - I like my books spiced with pinches of humor here and there. Hilarious the two exchanges between Nick and DiStefano about cursing in the presence of a lady.

So, despite the naiveté of the heroine (she did come round in the end), this was still a great read, delving into shady territory of undercover work, lies blending into one another, creating an almost parallel reality. The author succeeded in conveying Nick's indecision and tumultuous thoughts perfectly.

Not perfect, but a great read nonetheless.

P.S. And we got a decent epilogue. Yay!

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### **Mareli says**

Well, more 3.5 than 4 but it's for encouragement.

Okay, it seems there is a pattern here. In this second book, the hero is an insensitive (so he seems) alpha and the heroine is a little TSLT, again.

I find the heroines of this series are really a bit too naive. They trust everyone and they have sex with a stranger man... unbelievable, IMO.

But, all in all, this new installment is better than the previous one. We find that the heroine has some backbone and the hero is secretly sweet as a marshmallow! ;)

The end is sweet and there is an epilogue. Okay I'm ready for the next one!

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### **Julie (jjmachshev) says**

Lisa Marie Rice can write the hell out of a story!!

"Dangerous Secrets" is her new release and her fans will not be disappointed. She's done an excellent job of

making the jump to a big publishing house without losing her trademark steam.

Charity is a small town librarian who sacrificed her dreams to tend to her failing, elderly aunt and uncle who ended up raising her after the traumatic death of her parents. She's stunned and thrilled when a wealthy, handsome businessman turns up in her small town and takes a decided interest in her. She really didn't mean to fall in love...but he's just so perfect for her, and the sex!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! WOW!

Nick is undercover again. At least this time he's not working for a lowlife wannabe mobster with a sicko sister. Nope, this time his assignment is a dream come true. He gets to romance a pretty woman...if he could just keep his mind on the job instead of her, uh...assets. Soon, the whole situation is FUBAR and his main focus becomes saving the girl.

Rice's writing is steamy and edgy. He works for Homeland Security and she's a small town librarian. And she makes this work!! The action is fast-paced, and the bad guys are truly bad. The good guys, well let's just say they're not TOO good...if you know what I mean. I think I fell a little in love with Nick myself. If you liked her 'Midnight' series from Ellora's Cave, you're gonna love this one!!

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### **SamJ ★Needs a HEA★ says**

[ We are meant to believe they meet on the 18th November, start a relationship, get married a few days later, he for some reason fakes his own death, she

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### **Dina says**

This was another enjoyable read by LMR. Strangely enough, Nick and Charity were my least favorite H/h by this author so far, even though this wasn't my least favorite book.

I don't know, I got the impression that Nick wasn't as uncomfortable as he should have been about lying to Charity and, quite frankly, he should have never agreed to let her pull that stunt in the villain's mansion before all hell broke loose - especially if you consider that he knew she wasn't a good liar and couldn't be expected to fool the most vicious criminals on Earth. I had never expected to see a LMR hero let his heroine enter into a dangerous and life-threatening situation so willingly, and that made me see Nick with some contempt.

Charity was somewhat boring to me: not a bad heroine, but nothing to talk about either. But I cared enough for her to feel a small pang in my heart while I "watched" her trying to deal with Nick's "death" (this isn't a spoiler, since his "death" is stated in the prologue).

As for the plot, this story had some uncanny similarities with *Dangerous Lover*, the previous book in the series, but it was better developed, IMHO. It was almost like LMR had heard all the readers' complaints and decided to dedicate more time to the aspects that were found lacking in that book. I was happy to see that, this time, there was a more satisfying ending and epilogue. :)

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## **?Karlyn P? says**

Maybe its just me, but I wasn't blown away by this one. I did enjoy the main characters and story, and the romance was certainly hot. My biggest issue is that I have trouble with any book that forces a full scale romance into just a few days. In short, the timeline of how and when things happen moved at hyperspeed to the point of unrealistic, which drives me nuts in romance novels. I also found the bad guy's obsession with Charity a bit over the top, but it worked. There really is a lot to love about this book, and there is no doubt that LMR is a great writing who really does her research on terrorism. I think it deserves a 4 star rating as it is a better than average suspense romance story. I'd just like to see a more believable romance.

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## **Geri Reads says**

The fact that it took me weeks to finish this is a good indication of how much this book didn't work for me. :(

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## **Marion says**

A very good book. I liked this one better then the first one. There is a great plot, steamy sex and romance. Could not put it down.

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## **Auntie says**

Wow! This book was steamy, intense, suspenseful, romantic, and oh-so-satisfying! I didn't want it to end, yet I was desperate to find out what would happen! And then I wanted to read it all over again! Lisa Marie Rice never lets me down--each book is even better than the previous one. And this book was no exception. This book had the sexiest, most intense love scenes, all without anything too graphic or out there. I don't know how she does it, but the intense passion that she was able to convey between the H/H was palpable. You could just feel the smoldering heat.

Nicholas Ames/Ireland is a former Delta Force operator, now working undercover as a government agent for the Unit--a secret government agency that is out to stop the escalation of international organized crime's involvement in terrorism. Nick has had a miserable childhood, abandoned as an infant and raised in an orphanage and a series of foster homes. Now all Nick knows is military life; he's never had a family or anyone to truly care about. He'll do anything his government asks him to--lie, seduce or kill. His sexual encounters are meaningless; he doesn't really believe in love. He uses his good looks and body working undercover to get the job done, however he can. Nick is known as the "Iceman"; he's so cool nothing can get to him. But Nick is not totally unfeeling; he has a soft spot for the elderly and the weak. He's all about protecting the less fortunate and upholding the law, and has a strong moral compass. Nick's latest mission is unlike any he's had before. He is to woo beautiful, young, small town librarian Charity Prewitt, to see what information she can provide about world famous Russian author Vassily Worontzoff.

Vassily Worontzoff once had the world by the tail. He was a world famous writer with a beautiful girlfriend who he loved dearly. Life couldn't get much better, until one day he and his girlfriend Katya were captured by the KGB and accused of being dissidents. Sentenced to a prison camp, he spent close to 20 grueling,

miserable years there working the gold mines in sub zero weather. But when he finally got out, he was a changed man. And a very dangerous man. He became the head of the powerful Russian Mafia, and now a suspected terrorist.

Charity Prewitt grew up in the small Vermont town in which she lives. Prim and proper and not very worldly, she's the local librarian. An orphan since she was a young teen, the only family she has left is her elderly aunt and uncle. Just when it looks like her life and career are about to take off, her aunt's health takes a turn for the worse, and her sense of duty prevents her from leaving her uncle high and dry to take care of her aunt alone. So she stays in town, and settles for being the local librarian. There's not much excitement for Charity in tiny Parker's Ridge, Vermont, until world famous author Vassily Worontzoff inexplicably moves to town and befriends her. Vassily's got plans for Charity that she's totally unaware of. Now that Charity's his best friend, it's up to Nick to see if she knows all that Vassily is up to. And he knows just how to go about it.

When Charity lays eyes on who she thinks is Nicholas Ames, millionaire stockbroker, it's lust at first sight. He's the handsomest, sexiest, most charming man she's ever seen. And Nick is floored by Charity too. Not only does he think she's a beauty, but there is just something about her that threatens Nick's control. He has to keep reminding himself to remember the mission. But after a wild weekend spent with Charity, will Nick ever be able to be the cold, methodical man he once was? Will his intense desire for Charity destroy his mission? And will Charity get caught in the crossfire between good and ruthless evil?

If you're a fan of Lisa Marie Rice's books, you know what kind of heroes she specializes in. Super alphas who know how to love and protect their women. But since they are unaccustomed to love, it takes them a while to realize the emotion as love. I loved seeing Nick come to grips with his feelings for Charity. And the whole time Nick was lying to Charity by not revealing his true identity, I kept wondering if she would forgive him when she found out. There was a scene where Nick was forced to do something to protect Charity that devastated and nearly destroyed her, and it had me in tears too. The ending was so emotional and suspenseful, I wanted to hurry up and finish it, yet I wanted to savor it too. And thankfully, this time LMR provides an epilogue, one that should satisfy everyone who reads this wonderful, sexy, suspenseful book! If you like to read hot, emotional, romantic suspense, then this one is for you!

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### **Lynsey A says**

My thoughts...well, I definitely liked Dangerous Secrets better than Dangerous Lover. I connected much better to Nick and Charity than I did the H/h from DL. I felt more emotionally connected to these two and felt myself get a little teary-eyed when Charity suffered.

I like that the epilogue in this one was so much better. It wasn't long but helped close up the story with a glimpse into their future.

This was a fast and enjoyable read. A hot alpha male who is very protective of his woman. I like it. :)

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